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MEMORANDUM FOR: Wallace R. Lampshire
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SUBJECT : Comments on the Academic-Government
Review of Russian Studies

1. This seems like a good idea to me, but I suspect that an attempt to relate academic and governmental research is likely to open a real keg of worms. There may very well be a small amount of research based on unclassified material but classified for other reasons, but I doubt that the volume is large and I suspect that it would not likely be very significant insofar as the broad field of Russian studies is concerned. Most of the important work done in the intelligence community depends on classified information to an extent that would make it very difficult to separate the classified portion from the unclassified without spoiling the whole.

2. As a counter-proposal, it may be feasible for various key people in the intelligence community such as in ORR, for example, to express their views on the value of academic research in their field and the outstanding problems to which further academic research might make an important contribution. This, of course, would involve a fair amount of work on the part of some busy people in CIA and should not be undertaken unless there is a reasonable prospect that it might result in some valuable work being done by the academic community.

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3. I would be willing to guess that at this point in history we may find that the people in the social science fields might well apply some of their skills to a study of the role of the scientist and technician in the Soviet system and this in turn might generate additional interest on the part of OSI as well as ORR and OCI.

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